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<b>Total.....</b>	111.1	2,309	1,618	1,031	899	630	401
<b>Census Region and Division</b>							
Northeast.....	20.6	2,423	1,664	562	946	649	220
New England.....	5.5	2,552	1,680	265	1,091	719	113
Middle Atlantic.....	15.1	2,376	1,658	670	899	627	254
Midwest.....	25.6	2,566	1,927	1,360	1,040	781	551
East North Central.....	17.7	2,628	1,926	1,269	1,057	775	510
West North Central.....	7.9	2,424	1,930	1,566	999	796	646
South.....	40.7	2,295	1,551	1,295	909	615	513
South Atlantic.....	21.7	2,370	1,607	1,359	947	642	543
East South Central.....	6.9	2,254	1,544	1,238	932	638	512
West South Central.....	12.1	2,184	1,455	1,211	834	555	462
West.....	24.2	1,963	1,366	638	712	496	231
Mountain.....	7.6	2,149	1,649	811	806	619	304
Pacific.....	16.6	1,878	1,238	559	671	442	200
<b>Urban/Rural Location (Self-Reported)</b>							
City.....	47.1	1,889	1,309	802	747	518	317
Town.....	19.0	2,290	1,588	931	889	617	362
Suburbs.....	22.7	2,915	2,023	1,475	1,082	751	547
Rural.....	22.3	2,595	1,886	1,148	1,031	749	456
<b>Climate Zone<sup>2</sup></b>							
Less than 2,000 CDD and--							
Greater than 7,000 HDD.....	10.9	2,689	2,065	977	1,081	830	393
5,500 to 7,000 HDD.....	26.1	2,466	1,726	876	985	689	350
4,000 to 5,499 HDD.....	27.3	2,314	1,735	1,081	890	667	416
Less than 4,000 HDD.....	24.0	2,123	1,375	945	812	526	362
2000 CDD or More and--							
Less than 4,000 HDD.....	22.8	2,136	1,398	1,265	823	539	487
<b>Type of Housing Unit</b>							
Single-Family Detached.....	72.1	2,919	1,970	1,310	1,070	723	481
Single-Family Attached.....	7.6	2,069	1,475	821	835	596	331
Apartments in 2-4 Unit Buildings.....	7.8	1,090	902	341	451	373	141
Apartments in 5 or More Unit Buildings...	16.7	872	780	441	427	382	216
Mobile Homes.....	6.9	1,062	944	554	430	382	224
<b>Ownership of Housing Unit</b>							
<b>Owned.....</b>	78.1	2,767	1,902	1,278	1,067	733	493
Single-Family Detached.....	64.1	3,021	2,039	1,392	1,131	763	521
Single-Family Attached.....	4.2	2,582	1,837	1,094	1,094	778	464
Apartments in 2-4 Unit Buildings.....	1.8	1,604	1,320	458	718	591	205
Apartments in 5 or More Unit Buildings...	2.3	1,116	940	829	676	570	502
Mobile Homes.....	5.7	1,103	990	593	461	414	248
<b>Rented.....</b>	33.0	1,223	947	445	488	378	178
Single-Family Detached.....	8.0	2,101	1,419	661	663	448	209
Single-Family Attached.....	3.4	1,445	1,037	488	552	396	186
Apartments in 2-4 Unit Buildings.....	5.9	930	772	305	376	312	123
Apartments in 5 or More Unit Buildings...	14.4	833	754	379	396	359	181
Mobile Homes.....	1.2	866	722	367	305	254	129

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<b>Year of Construction</b>							
Before 1940.....	14.7	2,359	1,586	473	958	644	192
1940 to 1949.....	7.4	2,124	1,456	564	872	598	231
1950 to 1959.....	12.5	2,147	1,458	761	884	600	313
1960 to 1969.....	12.5	2,090	1,470	906	791	556	343
1970 to 1979.....	18.9	1,988	1,404	914	799	565	368
1980 to 1989.....	18.6	2,153	1,569	1,152	855	623	458
1990 to 1999.....	17.3	2,718	1,959	1,549	969	698	552
2000 to 2005.....	9.2	3,095	2,117	1,851	1,120	766	670
<b>Number of Stories in Single-Family Homes</b>							
1 Story.....	46.7	2,356	1,520	1,054	934	602	418
2 Stories.....	28.0	3,458	2,409	1,518	1,177	820	516
3 or More Stories.....	2.5	4,197	3,105	1,606	1,318	975	504
Split-level.....	1.9	3,718	3,028	2,177	1,209	984	708
Other.....	0.5	2,913	2,223	1,404	1,183	903	570
Not Asked.....	31.4	967	846	441	434	380	198
<b>Number of Floors in Apartment Buildings with 5 or More Units</b>							
1 or 2 Floors.....	8.2	875	772	448	426	376	218
3 or 4 Floors.....	6.0	875	800	448	409	375	210
5 to 10 Floors.....	1.6	796	729	285	438	401	157
11 to 20 Floors.....	0.6	898	761	Q	436	369	Q
More than 20 Floors.....	Q	1,009	862	938	873	745	811
Not Asked.....	94.4	2,564	1,767	1,136	963	664	427
<b>Major Outside Wall Construction</b>							
Siding (Aluminum, Vinyl, Steel).....	35.3	2,343	1,691	1,068	891	643	406
Brick.....	31.3	2,349	1,670	1,172	959	681	478
Wood.....	20.0	2,391	1,651	826	934	645	323
Stucco.....	14.8	1,999	1,338	858	726	486	312
Concrete/Concrete Block.....	5.3	1,966	1,267	1,199	818	527	499
Composition (Shingle).....	1.9	2,478	1,545	678	929	579	254
Stone.....	1.0	3,777	2,416	1,608	1,509	965	642
Other.....	1.5	2,636	1,966	1,143	1,092	814	473
<b>Foundation/Basement of Single-Family Units and Apartments in 2 to 4 Unit Buildings</b>							
(more than one may apply)							
Basement.....	35.5	3,343	2,301	1,345	1,247	859	502
Crawlspace.....	25.1	2,510	1,711	999	981	669	390
Concrete Slab.....	40.2	2,592	1,734	1,299	926	620	464
Not Asked (Mobile Homes and Apartments in Buildings With 5 or More Units).....	23.7	927	828	474	428	382	219

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<b>Fuels Used for Any Use</b> (more than one may apply)							
Electricity.....	111.1	2,309	1,618	1,031	899	630	401
Natural Gas.....	69.5	2,402	1,688	1,080	911	640	409
Wood.....	14.4	3,013	2,117	1,325	1,138	799	500
Fuel Oil.....	8.4	2,790	1,840	386	1,105	729	153
LPG.....	12.6	2,769	1,960	1,197	1,056	747	456
Kerosene.....	1.7	2,099	1,423	564	909	616	244
Solar.....	0.2	2,260	1,570	Q	869	603	Q
<b>Main Heating Fuel</b>							
Natural Gas.....	58.2	2,431	1,712	1,095	934	658	421
Electricity.....	33.7	2,015	1,429	1,142	796	565	451
Fuel Oil.....	7.7	2,810	1,865	387	1,130	750	156
LPG.....	6.0	2,404	1,795	1,131	958	716	451
Wood.....	2.9	2,499	1,853	685	916	679	251
Kerosene.....	0.7	1,567	966	Q	817	504	Q
Solar.....	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
Other.....	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
None.....	1.3	1,203	Q	Q	428	Q	Q
<b>Natural Gas Available in Neighborhood</b>							
Yes.....	80.5	2,342	1,645	1,043	901	633	401
Actually Use Natural Gas.....	69.5	2,402	1,688	1,080	911	640	409
Do Not Use Natural Gas.....	11.1	1,968	1,379	814	834	584	345
No.....	30.6	2,221	1,548	999	892	622	401

1. The total average square footage per housing unit for the 2001 RECS was reported as 1,975 square feet. This figure excluded unheated garages and for most, but not all housing units, living space in attics. The average total square footage for housing units in the 2005 RECS, reported in this table was 2,309 square feet, which includes both heated and unheated garage space and attic living space for all housing units. The only available figures that permit comparison of total square footage for both survey years would include all garage floorspace and exclude all attic floorspace--for 2001 the total square footage was 2,005 and for 2005 the total was 2,029 square feet.

2. One of five climatically distinct areas, determined according to the 30-year average (1971-2000) of the annual heating and cooling degree-days. A household is assigned to a climate zone according to the 30-year average annual degree-days for an appropriate nearby weather station.

Q = Data withheld either because the Relative Standard Error (RSE) was greater than 50 percent or fewer than 10 households were sampled.

N = No cases in reporting sample.

Notes: • Because of rounding, data may not sum to totals. • See Glossary for definition of terms used in these tables.

Source: Energy Information Administration, Office of Energy Markets and End Use, Forms EIA-457 A, B, C of the 2005 Residential Energy Consumption Survey.